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Kopocis Takes Over After Setlak Resigns

Ana Merizalde
Staff Writer

With Legislative and Public Relations (LPR) Director Laura Setlak's resignation Jan. 28, UNO Student President/Regent Jon Shradar and Senate Speaker Kyle Jones named Amy Kopocis, the former assistant director of LPR, to fulfill the term until May. Setlak was re-hired last May after serving the previous year. "She (Setlak) came in last Monday and said she has been get-

ting mixed feelings from the Senate," Shradar said. "She thought resigning was best. She's a senior doing internships and she's up for awards. So rather than doing five things with half of an effort, she wanted to be able to focus on her other projects."

In her letter of resignation, Setlak cited "personal reasons."

Setlak went on to say "substantial time must be committed to UNO's programs. As a graduating senior, I feel this would be most efficiently accomplished by a director

who has more time to offer."

Shradar said after some discussion, he and Jones agreed Kopocis could fill the position until May, and the Senate approved unanimously.

"Amy, over the past year served as the assistant director. We appoint a

new one every May. She has experience vital for the position," Shradar said.

"There are many many things I would like to get done this semester."

—Amy Kopocis, LPR director.

When asked whether Kopocis will continue to serve as LPR Director beyond May, Shradar admitted he was uncertain.

"It hasn't been determined

yet... We'll sit down and interview everyone who applies. I don't even want to even say right away whether or not she will be, or if she'll even apply for the position again. For now she is the one."

Kopocis said Sunday she is excited for her new position.

"There are many, many things that I would like to get done this semester. Last year, as a senator I was a delegate to the Cosga Convention at Texas A&M and realized just how much potential

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Art Gallery Exhibits Renowned Author

Dustin Pappas
News Editor

Sure they don't write with oil paint or even chalk, but authors are artists too.

That's the picture celebrated author Rebecca Lee painted as she read from her story "Banks of the Vistula" Thursday night in the Art Gallery of the Del and Lou Ann Weber Fine Arts Building.

Lee's stories and essays have been published in The Atlantic Monthly, Outside and in an anthology entitled Tales From The Couch: Great American Short Stories About Therapy.

Her works were awarded the 1998 Rona Jaffe Fiction Award and a 1998 James Michener Prize.

The combination of prized authors with prized art seems

quite appropriate. Words are an authors art. For instance, during the reading Lee used the image of a piece of "brown velvet under glass" to describe the color of a character's eyes.

Lee gave the first reading of the Missouri Valley Reading Series Spring lineup, which includes renowned authors and poets like Richard Dooling and Betsy Sholl.

The series also celebrates the work of students involved in the creative writing programs at UNO and Creighton University. The works of these budding literary guru's may be heard this Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at Borders on 72nd and Dodge streets.

Unlike art on a wall these authors' crafty work can only be experienced if one attends a reading, or with a library card.

UV to Take Applications

University Village (UV) will begin taking applications for on-campus housing, beginning Feb. 15.

The UV office is located in the Student Organizations and Leadership Development suite in the lower level of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Although several spaces

reserved for academics, varsity athletics and international students, spaces are available for general students.

Space is limited, however general, full-time students are encouraged to apply for residency in University Village.

For more information contact Susan Moore at 554-8555.

Let's go Mavericks!



Chris Machian/The Gateway

From left: Elizabeth Rockwell, 8, Adrienne Anderson, 9 and Barbara Knezetic, 9 cheer on the women's Maverick basketball team Saturday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse for the "Take a Girl to a Game" night.

Maverick Women Dunk Minnesota

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick women's basketball team rebounded from an embarrassing loss at Morningside last weekend with a pair of home wins over St. Cloud State and Minnesota State-Mankato in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Mavericks beat St. Cloud State 84-82 Friday night and downed Minnesota State 71-67 in overtime on Saturday.

Against St. Cloud State, the Mavericks fell behind in the early going and found themselves on the short end of the 39-35 half-time score. St. Cloud shot over 53 percent from the floor to take the

four-point lead.

In the second half, the Mavericks used a lot of free-throw shooting to erase the deficit and win.

The Mavericks went to the line 50 times against St. Cloud State and hit on 35 free throws including 25 of 35 in the second half.

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Valentine's Day section.

Students Help Free Man After Almost 17 Years On Death Row

College Press Exchange

CHICAGO - Anthony Porter, who came within days of being executed by lethal injection in September, walked out of jail Friday afternoon after spending nearly 17 years in prison for a double murder that another man now says he committed.

"It feels marvelous to be outside," Porter said after being released.

"I'm free."

Porter, wearing black jeans and a black jacket instead of the brown prison uniform he had been wearing just hours earlier, said the outside world "looked great."

He said he can't wait to get home to see his family and eat a steak dinner. And he said his faith in God helped him get through the ordeal. Porter's release followed a hearing earlier in the day in Cook County Criminal Court. There, Assistant State's Atty. Thomas Gainer made a motion that,

based on new evidence, Porter should be released on his own recognizance. Judge Thomas R. Fitzgerald agreed and ordered the release.

On Wednesday, a Milwaukee man, Alstory Simon, made a videotaped statement implicating himself in the 1982 murders of Jerry Hillard, 18, and Marilyn Green, 19, for which Porter was convicted. Charges have not been filed against Simon, who police said is at an undisclosed location and is not a flight risk.

After his release, Porter briefly talked to reporters before being driven away in a car. Asked if he was bitter toward prosecutors, he said, "They've got a job to do, but they took too damn long to get me out of here."

He also said he was grateful to Simon for "stepping up" and taking responsibility for the murders.

Meanwhile, First Assistant State's Atty.

David Erickson stressed the case was still open, but acknowledged that releasing Porter was "the appropriate thing to do."

"We're nowhere near final conclusions. We haven't completed our investigation yet," said Erickson, who would not speculate on whether charges against Porter would be dismissed. Erickson said he does not believe investigators failed to do their jobs.

Simon's statement was taped by a Chicago private investigator who was working with a Northwestern University professor and five journalism students. Together, they had unearthed new evidence indicating that Porter may be innocent.

The startling developments began unfolding last week, when Simon's ex-wife, Inez Jackson, came forward and alleged she was present when Simon shot Hillard and Green at a park on Chicago's South Side.

Paul Ciolino, the private investigator,

then persuaded Simon to make the videotaped statement - in which he says he shot Hillard in self-defense, then accidentally shot Green.

Porter was two days away from being executed in September when the Illinois Supreme Court delayed the execution amid questions about Porter's mental competency.

Before his release, Porter took time to talk to the Northwestern students who helped free him. He said he "loves them."

Their professor, David Protess, said the students were thrilled with Porter's release, but, he added, that joy is tempered by the knowledge that "this man was railroaded."

"As good as I feel about Anthony Porter's release today," Protess said. "I am outraged that this man had to spend 16 years on death row for a crime that he did not commit."

KOPOCIS: New Director is Named

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student government can improve the university's image on campus," she said.

Kopocis said students need to "feel comfortable talking to their student government representatives on issues, ideas and concerns."

Kopocis said that was not accomplished last semester.

"By student government making itself more accessible and inviting to its constituents by increased promotion of events, hopefully that relationship will improve," she said.



Amy Kopocis

Andy Lialos/The Gateway

President's Day Open House

UNO's office of recruitment services will play host to the first President's Day Open House Monday in the ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center. Organizers hope to attract up to 500 students and their parents to this annual event. The day's program will include the following:

- 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. — Welcome from representatives of the administration, faculty and admissions and orientation offices.

- 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. — Campus tour.

- 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Academic fair including representatives from UNO's colleges and many academic departments.

For reservations, students should call Linda Stessman at 554-2918. For more information on the open house, contact Lincoln Morris at 554-2102.

Bias Crimes Bills Defeated In State Where Gay Student Was Killed

College Press Exchange

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Wyoming legislators quashed two bills that would have stiffened penalties for crimes motivated by bias.

Calls for new regulations increased after the October beating death of

Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming. Police have said Shepard's homosexuality motivated his attackers to kill him.

The proposals that died in the state's Senate Judiciary Committee would have increased the maximum fine for a felony by as much as \$5,000 and the maximum prison sentence by up to five years if prosecutors could prove the crime was linked to bias.

State Sen. John Schiffer, chairman of the committee who voted against the proposed

bill, said he hopes supporters of bias-crime legislation will return with legislation that has broader support.

"This legislation as written does not fit with what this state wishes to have in a bias crimes bill," he told the Associated Press.

Opponents of the bill said they didn't support adding motivating factors such as race, religion and sexual orientation to the legislation because it would offer special protection to certain groups. Others said no new laws are necessary and that existing laws need to be more strictly enforced. State lawmakers have rejected four similar proposals since 1995. Wyoming remains one of only a few states that don't have legislation specifically targeted at bias-crime.

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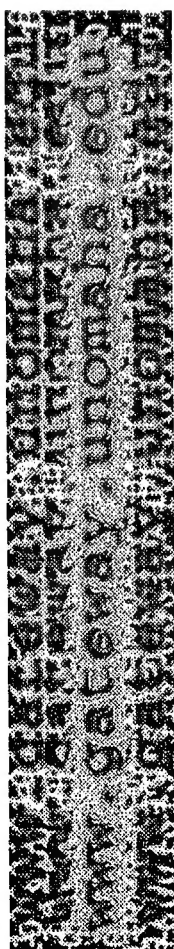
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Sure, you recognize the name, but do you know how long it's been there? Or why it's there? For these answers and more, make sure you grab a *Gateway* this Friday.

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In This Writing Contest, It's Good To Be Bad

College Press Exchange

CHICAGO - A University of Chicago professor has been named to the academic world's equivalent of Mr. Blackwell's worst-dressed list. Homi Bhabha, an English scholar, was cited not for any shortcomings of his wardrobe but the impenetrability of his English prose style. At least, that's how Bhabha's writing reads to Denis Dutton, editor of the scholarly journal *Philosophy and Literature* and founder of the annual Bad Writing Contest.

"Everybody was bemoaning how our students' writing ability has gone down the tubes, but nobody was saying a word about how the professorate has become enamored of a precious and tendentious form of expression," said Dutton, explaining why he established the competition four years ago and perhaps slipping into the linguistic swamps of his entrants.

Indeed, Bhabha's writing can be evocative of the kind of term paper that has long inspired teachers to grab a red pen and fill the margins with scrawled comments such as: "Can't you just say this in plain English?"

Bhabha was awarded second place in this year's Bad Writing Contest for a sentence from his book "The Location of Culture":

"If, for a while, the ruse of desire is calculable for the uses of discipline soon the repetition of guilt, justification, pseudo-scientific theories, superstition, spurious authorities, and classifications can be seen as the desperate effort to 'normalize' formally the disturbance of a discourse of splitting that violates the rational, enlightened claims

of its enunciatory modality."

As with the Nobel Prize, scholars can't sponsor themselves for Dutton's competition, which, according to the entry form, "celebrates the most stylistically lamentable passages found in scholarly books and articles." Bhabha was nominated by John D. Powers, a faculty member at the University of Iowa. In support of Bhabha's candidacy, Powers touted his colleague's sentence, with perhaps a touch of irony, as "quite splendid: 'enunciatory modality,' indeed!"

Bhabha similarly reacted with tongue planted firmly in cheek to his prize, which is to be announced in the forthcoming spring issue of *Philosophy and Literature*. "The only thing that would bring me more New Year's cheer is a good bottle of New Zealand's Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc wine," he said, alluding to the fact that Dutton is a professor of philosophy in New Zealand.

Lurking just behind the humor is a cultural war that has come to divide many a faculty club. The nature of the conflict can be seen in any library with large holdings of academic journals. Pick up a volume from 25 years ago and it reads much as most college graduates from that time will remember their professors lecturing.

But the more recent volumes seem written in a virtual foreign tongue.

They can leave the uninitiated aching for some pedagogic version of the old Captain Marvel Decoder from the days of radio. To Bhabha and his allies, this shift in the language of scholarship only reflects the fact that his generation has bitten into tougher issues.

For the Record

The answer in Friday's "Get To Know Your Campus" incorrectly spelled the name of Athena Tacha, the international artist who designed the concrete pillars northwest of the Durham Science Center.

Black History Month Events

UNO will present a variety of activities, programs and speakers for Black History Month. Following is a list of events:



• **Tuesday, February 9**, Edward Tunstel of the Robotics Vehicular Group of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will talk on his current research in robotics at 2:30 pm in the Eppley Auditorium.

• **Friday and Saturday, February 12 & 13**, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King in Dialogue? The free one-act play "The Meeting" by Jeff Stetson will be on stage at 7pm in the Weber Fine Arts Building Experimental Theatre.

• **Wednesday, February 17**, "Africans in America" video, 10 am-3pm, MBSC Fireplace Lounge.

• **Thursday, February 18**, "Options Through Education Program: A Successful Freshman Orientation Program That Works" by Donald Brown, director of AHANA (African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) Student Programs, Boston College, 10-11:30am, Eppley Auditorium; Brown also will present "Black Males: The Transition from Youth to Satisfying Manhood," 7-8:30pm MBSC Ballroom.

• **Friday, February 19**, "The Successful Retention of African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (AHANA) Students on College Campuses" by Donald Brown, 10-11:30am Eppley Auditorium; "Survival Strategies for Minority Students on College Campuses," an open forum with Donald Brown, 11:30am-12:30pm, MBSC Gallery Room; and "Multicultural Education for the 21st Century," James Banks, professor of education and director of the Center for Multicultural Education, University of Washington, 6:45-8:15pm, Eppley Auditorium.

• **Monday, February 22-Wednesday, February 24**, Black History Museum display, 8am-5pm, live music by Amaze featuring Alvin Sauls, 11:30am-1pm, MBSC Nebraska Room.

• **Tuesday, February 23**, George Walker, jazz/blues guitarist, 11:30am-1pm; Black History Museum display continued/ 8am-5pm, MBSC Nebraska Room.

• **Wednesday, February 24**, "Dr. King's Dream" a one-man play performed by the Mixed Blood Theatre Company, 12noon- 1pm; Black History Museum continued/ 8am-5pm, MBSC Nebraska Room.

• **Monday, March 1**, The Super Angas Dance Troop of Benin West Africa, 11:30am-1pm, MBSC Nebraska Room.



Sponsors for the Black History Month events include:

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CatTales: Bye, Bye Kitty

I'm sure Student Senate will be hittin' the bars early, the Greeks will all make new T-shirts and both of my loyal readers will miss a few classes this week to mourn.

Yes, it is my grande finale, my final writings, my farewell.

Have I run out of people to "belittle?"

No.

There are many more who deserve a slap in the face with my column, but I will spare those poor souls.

Have I backed down?



Yea right.

No, I have found that money, the root of all evil, is a necessity in life, and quite frankly, the bank has stopped taking my I.O.U. notes.

I am heading out into the real world in search of...of...of...well, I don't know, but maybe I'll find something (hopefully a paycheck).

Does this frighten me?

Hell yes.

I'm sure I'll be the pee-on making coffee, buying gifts for the boss' mistress, sending flowers to the boss' wife and dishing my gossip at the water stand.

Ideally, I see myself in a corner office with really heavy furniture and a wet bar. My assistant, a large and ruggishly handsome young man, would bring me coffee and take messages for me.

Somebody slap me.

So it is time to say good-bye to academia for awhile and time to say, "Would you like fries with that?"

I always thought people who didn't get a college degree in four years were stupid.

"Hi, I'm Cat, and I'm Stupid." (There's a shirt for the Greeks.)

No, I am not stupid, I'm just...just...just freakin' bored, not to mention poor. I believe myself to an intelligent woman with many different skills: an attractive commodity to any business.

It's time to look back at all the fun we've had on this little trip called Cat Tales.

There was the crazy, and most likely medicated waitress who threw a quarter at my car; boy that was fun.

Next I caused a stir among the Greeks and Student President/Regent Jon Shrader when I criticized how many people voted. We're all so sensitive.

Then there was the football game that looked like a golf tournament. Once again I "belittled" student activity, and offended some fraternity. Oops.

Not to long after that, the freakin' holidays arrived.

Well, as you can see, we have had some good, er, ok, er, indifferent times.

Now it is official. I'm outta here.

Anyone hiring?

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Saying Goodbye

After years of fighting emphysema so bravely, my aunt was finally assassinated by the disease.

In a hospital room surrounded by her family and closest friends, doctors finally turned off the machines giving her life, and the family let her go.

So many members of her family rallied behind her with loving support, but that support fled as soon as her heart stopped beating. One of the first thing uttered by one of her "grief" stricken sons was, "Who gets the house and the car?"

I couldn't believe he said that, especially in his mother's hospital room.

But he wasn't alone.

Other members of the family began to divide up her possessions, which are few and far in between, on their way to the elevator.

Low and behold, aunt Dot had a last will and testament, and her kids had never seen it.

She didn't leave anything to one of her kids, the ungrateful, drunk loser.

Her other son received some of her possessions, but not much. Everything else was left to her sister and the American Lung Association.

Hearing this news, her loser son and some of her nephews and nieces hired attorneys to protest the will. They all wanted their share of this poor women's earthly possessions.

The family made me sick to my stomach.

Was this the same family who rallied so much support behind her when she had a lung transplant?

It was, yet it wasn't.

I soon began to think my extended family was the only group of blood hungry wolves in the world, but they're not alone.

I spoke to numerous people at school and around where I live who said their families went through the same thing when a family member died. Some of the family members scramble for anything they can get their hands on that isn't bolted to the ground. Even then, they'll use a crowbar to get it up.

What kind of people are we?

We're animals, not people.

How can we even think about something like money when a family member has died?

We're greedy as hell.

Is anyone immune to it?

Probably not.

Next time someone close to you dies, respect their wishes, no matter what they wanted or how bizarre it is in your opinion.

These people, our family members, have rights even when they're dead. They have the right to respect. Maybe some of us should try to give it to them, they deserve it.

Goodbye Aunt Dot.



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the Gateway and your writers on many of the articles in this last publication, specifically one of the articles on the front page.

The article "Ball Brings Joy to Romanian Children" I think was a very well written article that, along with Mrs. Ball, deserves recognition. I think it would be a great idea to publish more articles on what students at the university are doing.

It might even be a good idea to designate a certain section of the paper entirely to what students or professors on campus are doing. There are a number of students and professors doing extraordinary things on campus very much like Mrs. Ball. Maybe with a section like this you could get rid of all of the ridiculous articles that seem to somehow find their way into your paper (i.e., articles about what kind of music someone from the Gateway likes. Pretty ridiculous!). My advice to you, read the Daily Nebraskan.

Nate Svoboda
UNO senior, biology major

Dear Editor,

I wanted to tell you how much I have been enjoying the "Get To Know Your Campus" section in the paper.

As you well know, many of our students are not familiar with the entire campus and this is such a great way to call attention to various features of the campus and to explain a little about each area.

Keep it up!

Guy Conway,
Director, Milo Ball Student Center

Dear Editor,

The recent editorials by Dustin Pappas have concerned me.

Pappas started the semester as the writer in charge of covering Student Senate meetings.

He has failed to cover the meetings in their entirety and used potential issues discussed in a brainstorming idea (i.e., freshmen parking idea) as juicy material for his editorials.

Mr. Pappas, please try to fulfill your duties as news editor before writing your next column on the evils of Student Government.

Brandon Steenson
Senior Class Senator

Valentine's Day Section

The History of Love

Vineta Pritchard
Staff Writer

Elementary school children decorate their classroom and buy special valentines. They also decorate shoe boxes with heart stickers, construction paper and lace to collect the valentines. All hope for a valentine from that special boy or girl.

As adults, we send humorous greeting cards, romantic poems, chocolates and, of course, flowers, all to celebrate love on Valentines Day, observed Feb. 14.

But how did this love day come about?

Maybe this day was a "Hallmark" creation, because we mail cards, known as valentines. They are often designed with hearts to symbolize love.

Many believe Valentine's Day began with the ancient Roman festival "Lupercalia." Lupercalia was celebrated Feb. 15 to ensure protection from wolves. During the ceremony men struck people with animal hide. Women were whipped also because it was believed the whipping made the women more fertile. The festival gradually became associated with the feast day celebrated Feb. 14.

Two Roman martyrs both named St.

Valentine, who lived in the third century, were traditionally regarded as the patron saints of lovers. Stories say young men weren't allowed to be married because single men made better soldiers, however, Saint Valentine secretly married young soldiers.

Other stories say Valentine loved children, however, the Romans put him in prison because he wouldn't bow to their gods. The children missed Valentine so much they passed love notes between the bars of his cell window. According to the rumor, he was executed Feb. 14, and Pope Gelasius named the day in honor of him.

Another theory is connected to the Old English belief that birds choose their mates Feb. 14.

We may never know how Valentine's Day came about, yet we know it has been celebrated as far back as the 1400s.

Esther A. Howland of Massachusetts began manufacturing valentines in the United States in 1847, after British artist Kate Greenaway became famous for her valentines. Howland began an assembly line that made detailed lace, paper flowers and a painted leaves. Her business grew into a 100,000 card a year enterprise.

Just Between Us Girls: Valentine's Day Gifts

Vineta Pritchard
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and many of us haven't gotten our special guy a great gift. Forget about a great gift. Any gift. Not even a card.

If you haven't gotten a gift yet, don't panic! Panic shopping leads to fights. Sure, he won't make fun of the "Hot Buns" boxers you get him this Valentine's Day, however, years from now that panic gift idea will pop up in an argument.

Many guys don't even want a gift. They say a nice evening at home away from all the chaos is more romantic. Renting a movie and you fixing him spaghetti will

cost under \$10. If you feel the need to get your man a gift, remember the advice of these UNO students.

- 1) No silk boxers.
- 2) If you buy chocolate, please by chocolate with nuts.
- 3) Nothing big, just a card.
- 4) Food
- 5) Music
- 6) Roses
- 7) Cologne
- 8) Chocolate body frosting.
- 9) Nothing with hearts on it.
- 10) Sports stuff.

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Valentine Gifts for Gals

Tony Dreibus
Senior Staff Writer

Thank you Hallmark, men around the world appreciate it.

The way you made Valentine's Day such a popular holiday with such efficiency is amazing. And so is the way men's pockets get emptied this time of year.

Dig deep guys, 'cause here it comes.

The ever constant question of what to get that special woman in your life is looming closer and closer as Valentine's Day approaches.

It's always nice to have the old standby's: chocolates, roses and lingerie (a gift

both have come to appreciate).

But most women, and men for that matter, are sick of the big three. Something unusual should be in the works this year to make Valentine's Day a success.

A ticket to Europe is a fine option, just make sure it is round-trip ticket, and for two. Valentine's Day just wouldn't be the same if she was in Paris sampling fine French cuisine and you were stuck in the big O eating at Tommasito's.

In reality, however, UNO students are neither quite so extravagant nor quite so wealthy.

"Something inexpensive, then take her

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Love, Italian Style

Jennifer Corell
 Staff Writer

Italians are known for amore, and for food. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day, the day of amore, than to treat your significant other to a night filled with Italian delicacies?

A classic Italian entree, pasta, is called the good-mood food; loaded with complex carbohydrates that have a relaxing, soothing effect; according to Dolores Riccio, author of "Superfoods: 300 Recipes For Foods That Heal Body and Mind."

Local couples wanting a stress-free, relaxing dinner are in luck. Many local Italian restaurants and coffee shops are planning special Valentine's menus, along with heaps of pasta, to calm even winter-dazed midwesterners.

Raphael's, at 1217 S. 13th in Townview Plaza, will offer special dinners and desserts Sunday in what the host describes as a quaint, homey atmosphere where a couple can linger over their gourmet mostaccoli without feeling closed in.

"It's an open air type of place. We have open windows that look out onto 13th Street," Host Terry Sullivan said.

In addition to atmosphere, plenty of good-mood food will be served.

For Valentine's Day, "sweetheart specials" will be served with seafood and beef including a vegetarian dish, according to manager Steve Tornetin.

Raphael's has an extensive pasta selection to choose from, covered in garlic or marinara sauces, Sullivan said. Shrimp and scallops with asiago cheese sauce or gorgonzola sauce is a featured item on their menu.

Raphael's is open Sunday until 10 p.m. For reservations, call 341-9010.

Vivace, located at 11th and Howard streets in the Old Market, will have five Valentine's dinner specials, each served with a "prefix" dinner Sunday.

The restaurant emphasizes its stylistic approach.

"We are contemporary Italian with a Mediterranean influence, we like to call it casual elegance," Stacey Lamb, manager, said. The setting caters to couples.

"We have a fairly romantic atmosphere, with a pianist that plays on weekends

Thursday through Sunday, and on special events like Valentine's Day," she said.

Vivace will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Make reservations for Sunday by calling 342-2050.

Vincenzo's, at 1818 N. 144th St., will have "authentic Italian dining for lovers" Sunday. Two special Valentine's dinners are planned, Bill Whitley, the owner and manager, said.

The first includes beef tenderloin in a gorgonzola sauce and the second will be salmon stuffed with baby shrimp in a cream-based pesto sauce, with a side order of pasta dijour.

Whitley gushed about their deserts, including a special Valentine treat called Gioia mia.

"It's a real dense chocolate pecan torte with caramel sauce and crushed almonds," he said.

Another popular dessert item is tiramisu. "It's a layer of wafers soaked in espresso and dark rum, layered in Italian moscarpone sauce," Whitley said. Call 498-3889 to make Valentine's Day reservations.

To cap off the evening, Delice European Bakery and Coffee Bar, at 1206 Howard St., will have cappuccinos, espressos and other treats.

"We have a special Valentine's Day menu, that includes a variety of heart-shaped cakes with fresh raspberries and chocolate mousse," Jackie Gacqui, a Delice baker, said.

Other items on their menu include Godiva chocolates, Windsor heart-shaped cookies with raspberries, edible chocolate cups filled with chocolate mousse and topped with raspberries. Call 342-2276 for more information.

Another coffee bar, Espresso Mary's, at 5111 Leavenworth St., deems itself as a gourmet coffee shop. As a Valentine's Day special, they will have 20 percent off gift items, plus Valentine's gift baskets; some with aroma therapy candles and bath salts, cake mixes, "love magnets" and assorted coffees, Owner Jack Zimmer, said.

Pastries, desserts, sandwiches, lasagna and soup can accompany your cappuccino. Espresso Mary's will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. They will be closed Sunday. Call 558-9008 for information.

Have a happy Valentine's day and ciao bella!

GUYS: Gifts That He'll Love

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Alex, a senior English major, said "I've gotten flowers before and really liked them."

He thinks they showed the fact that she really cared. While Mark, a freshman business major, wants to be filled up at a nice restaurant, however he'll take a box of chocolates anytime.

Kyle, a junior math major, said whatever you do, do not by men underwear, but he liked the idea of flowers.

Cologne is a great idea because of the added benefit of smelling great. These top colognes will probably get a thumbs up.

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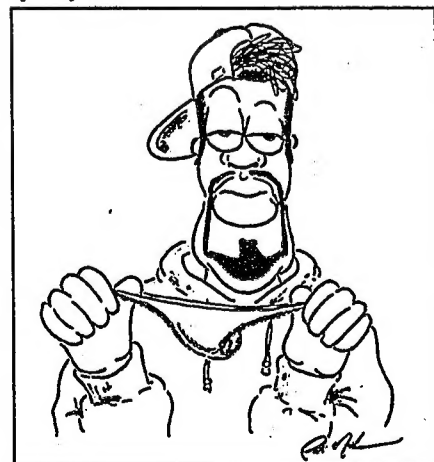
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Tips on Treasuring Your Flowers

Heather Price
Staff Writer

Every year it happens.

Flowers received on Valentine's Day wilt and die. Eventually the \$40 bouquet picked out lovingly by a special someone meets its special someone—the trash can.

However, there are ways to make the beauty and memories of flowers last.

Flowers can be dried to ensure their existence for months and even years after receiving them. Drying flowers is an art easily learned. There are four main methods used in drying flowers, all with differing results.

The first, and perhaps most often used, method of drying flowers is air drying. By tying the stems of the flowers together and hanging them upside down, the flowers will air dry naturally.

The main drawback to this method is it can take anywhere from several days to a few weeks, depending on the humidity, for the flowers to dry fully. This is a big drawback because as a rule the faster the flowers dry, the better the end results will be.

However, the process can be sped up a little by hanging the bouquet in a warm area, especially in a doorway. The increased airflow through the doorway helps to dry out the flowers faster.

If at least a week seems to long to wait, then try using silica gel as another method of drying flowers.

The silica gel crystals, covering the buds and heads of the flowers, draw out moisture to produce the dried product in a few days.

Although this process is faster than air

drying, and sometimes can result in more supple petals, the flowers dried in this manner may wilt if placed in a very humid environment. Humidity levels can also affect preserved flowers and cause them to wilt.

To preserve flowers, the flowers and foliage need to be placed into a glycerin solution allowing the stems to naturally draw the solution into the flowers.

Even though this process makes for very pliable flowers, the best results will come from starting the process within hours of picking. Since this is not always possible and because time is such an important factor in the drying process, a final method of drying may be the thing to try.

Dehydrating flowers is a good way to dry flowers quickly, sometimes in just a few hours depending on the moisture content of the flower.

Using a dehydrator, even one purchased from an infomercial, can dry out the flowers quickly while allowing for special arrangements to be dried in place.

Even some hard to dry flowers (any that may have seeds or pods), dry well in dehydrators and by spraying the arrangement with hair spray before drying, the flowers may hold their shape better. This method of drying may take a little bit more experimentation than the others, but the results can be just as good.

Make floral memories last. Dry a bouquet.

So if drying flowers sounds like a "good thing," then go ahead and try. Remember, trying doesn't hurt, it just delays the visit to the trash can.

GALS: Gift Ideas Win Her Heart

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out," UNO freshman Adam Duggins said. "What's the most important thing about your girlfriend? Spending time with her, right?"

Perhaps the easiest way to find out what women want is simply to ask them.

To the delight of men, most women aren't worried about the monetary value of what their boyfriends are getting them.

"Something thoughtful and personal," UNO sophomore Cori Schiemann, said, who has been dating

her boyfriend for about two months. "If there's thought put into it, it's OK."

"Something sweet," UNO

sophomore Kathy

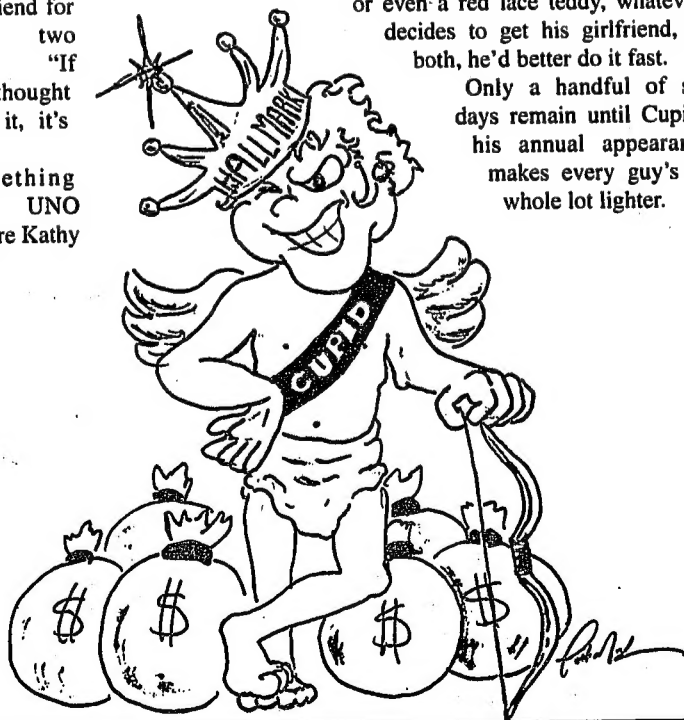
Denker said.

But, if you have been with that special someone for a long time and have the funds, jewelry is always a winner with the ladies. After all, diamonds (and rubies, and sapphires and emeralds) are a girl's best friend.

"The biggest trend right now is the white metals," Russell Weaver, a salesperson at a local jewelry store, said. "White gold, platinum and two-tones are popular. It's a throwback to the antique look."

Jewelry, flowers, around-the-world trips or even a red lace teddy, whatever a guy decides to get his girlfriend, wife, or both, he'd better do it fast.

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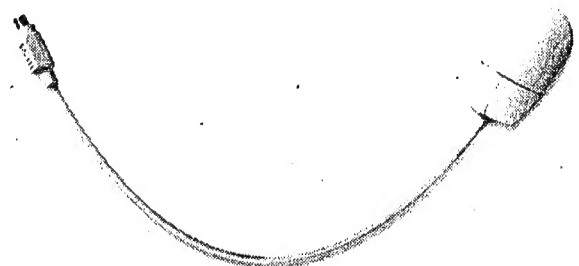
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UNO Student Brings Joy to Romanian Children

Jason Kuiper

Staff Writer

All children have a favorite toy. It may be a pillowy-stuffed Raggedy Ann or her good friend, Raggedy Andy. A bright-colored nerf ball that can be thrown around and cause minimal damage. A beat up old Velveteen Rabbit, passed down from older siblings who no longer have any use for them. All kids seem to have one toy they cannot leave home without.

Sarah Ball, a mother of two and UNO biology student, knows children who have no such toys. "My husband and I were looking into adopting an international child and we became interested in a certain child from Romania. I asked the agency what the kids get to take with them when they are adopted and the lady said 'nothing.' We found out you even have to take along a change of clothes for the child. The orphanage even keeps the clothes on their back."

While Ball and her husband have not yet adopted an international child, the adoption agent's words started to sink in. Due to shortages in countries like Romania, the orphanages are forced to keep what little they have, she said. "It really just broke my heart, every kid deserves something he can keep."

Ball's sister-in-law made her a blanket that could fold into a pillow. Ball then found a simple-pattern for a teddy bear. Without any previous sewing experience, Ball bought a sewing machine and taught herself how to make the blanket and bear.

She then went to local fabric companies and posted sites on the Internet asking for fabric donations. She received donations from all over the United States and Canada. Two local businesses were her biggest donors, Jo-Ann's Fabrics and Products Unlimited.

"I just let as many people know as possible," she said. "They could help through donations of fabric or money or come in and help."

Ball takes pride in the fact the bears are all homemade. She feels good that people have taken the time to make the cuddly bears, something the kids have never had before.

By the end of last summer Ball had 120 bears, each with its own pillow. But her greatest challenge was how to get the bears into the arms of needy children.

She found the shipping costs were over \$2,000. "By a wonderful quirk of fate I was put in touch with Tarom Airlines, the Romanian national airline, and they agreed to do it for free," Ball said. She also received a great deal of help from Congressman Jon Christensen's office.

The shipment was set out on Oct. 10, 1998. Two weeks before take-off, Ball had a question she knew she had to ask or she would always regret it. She called Christensen's office and asked if she could get a ticket too. She was told she would have to ask the airline. She did, and they gave her an 85 percent discount for a round trip flight to Romania.

Ball traveled to Romania alone, but said her two young children, 3 and 5-years-old, were excited for her. "They didn't really understand where I was going but they were happy Mommy was helping other kids."

Ball called her trip a sobering experience, as she witnessed first-hand what the people of Romania have been through. The country is poverty stricken and is still recovering from the bloody 40-year rule of Nicolae Ceausescu, a dictator cut from the same cloth as Stalin and Hitler.

Although she was in Romania for a week, she was only able to spend about an hour at the orphanage and was not able to deliver the gifts to the children because they wanted to wash them first. This was a long process because there was only one washer and one dryer. The washer and dryer were so small only one blanket could be washed at a time.

Ball said Orphanage No. 5 that received the toys looked almost like a prison camp. "I couldn't understand it, they had bars on the windows. I guess they were worried someone would try to steal them or they would try to escape."

Among her difficulties in Romania was the language barrier. She speaks no Romanian and did not have regular access to a translator. She communicated through hand gestures and spend much of her time at a grocery store near her apartment. "The prices were comparable to here which is shocking because they make a lot less money than we do."

Ball plans to go back to Romania with a fresh batch of toys in the spring. In addition to her regular volunteers from Avery Presbyterian Church, she will also get help from Girl Scouts working toward their Gold Award (the Girl Scouts equivalent to an Eagle Scout). Ball said she regrets she has not had the time to thank Christensen's office, but hopes to soon.

There is always a need for fabric, money and volunteers. Contact Ball at 292-6252 if you would like to help.

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AIDS Virus Gaining Resistance To Potent Drug Cocktails

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DALLAS - The AIDS virus is quickly developing an ability to outmaneuver the potent drug cocktails that have helped many patients return to their daily routines, evidence from Dallas and four other cities suggests.

According to the research, about one in every 100 people who becomes infected with the human immunodeficiency virus will contract a disease that may defy all types of known medicines. The research represents the first broad tests of the spread of resistant infection in the United States.

People who contract these mutant HIV strains may not benefit from dramatic recent gains in AIDS treatment. They may also amplify the problem by passing this armored virus to others. And, given that drug resistance seems only to worsen once it gets a foothold, these less treatable forms of AIDS will

probably be diagnosed in more and more patients.

"You put everything together, it's all very concerning," said Dr. Susan Little of the University of California, San Diego, who presented the data Thursday in Chicago during the Sixth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. The annual gathering is one of the country's premier AIDS research meetings.

Little's study also found that about 4 percent of people infected within the last year - and who have not taken anything for their condition - have caught virus strains that appear invulnerable to at least one of the three types of AIDS drugs available to patients. An additional 20 percent harbor viruses with a dulled sensitivity to treatment.

HIV can become resistant when drugs don't restrain the infection properly and the virus most able to withstand treatment is allowed to thrive.

The transmission of a drug-resistant virus was expected, Little said, but researchers have not had an accurate sense of how widespread the problem might be. Most previous estimates have relied on small numbers of patients or have simply looked to see whether the virus had genetic mutations.

But doctors can't conclude that a virus is a genetically more sophisticated model just by looking under the hood. It may look like a Ferrari but still run like a Yugo. So Little and her colleagues took the genetically altered virus out for a road test: After finding mutations in a sample of virus, they tested whether that virus could grow when mixed with a drug.

"Now we can assign a believable number to it," she said of the resistance problem. Her study contains data from 79 newly infected patients, including 12 from Dallas, one of whom was found to have resistant virus. Little's presentation on Thursday reported data from the first 69 subjects. The research also included patients from Boston, Denver, Los Angeles and San Diego.

A second study presented in Chicago, of U.S. military personnel, reported similar numbers. Of 114 newly infected people, about 1 percent caught virus that was resistant to all three classes of AIDS drugs, and 2 percent had infections that resisted two classes. The three types of drugs - nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors and protease inhibitors - attack the virus on different fronts.



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Your Weekly Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19).

Your money is locked away in a safe place, hopefully, because today you're going to want to get at it and spend it for frivolous things. The temptations are intense, but the risks are also high. Tuesday and Wednesday are good for travel, if you'd like to actually check out the possibilities you've been dreaming about. Thursday, reality rears its ugly head, and you'll have to deal with career-related matters through Friday. If you're paying attention, you could make a bundle then. Saturday and Sunday are your best days all week for playing with friends, or launching team ventures.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).

Go along with a partner's whim on Monday, especially if it has anything to do with your home, family or a household item. Real estate is also an adventure you should get into only with your partner's support. Tuesday and Wednesday are good shopping days with incredible bargains available. Be very careful, however, that you don't also spend more for something than it's worth. Thursday through Saturday are good for travel, so take those days off if you can. Be respectful of others on Sunday, to make the very best impression.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).

Take care at work. If you don't pay attention to what's going on around you, you could smash right into a brick wall. Tuesday and Wednesday, your partner could really surprise you. Something new that you find out could change everything. Thursday through Saturday, take care of business. Whether you win or lose depends on how shrewdly you play the game. Saturday and Sunday are best for travel, but romance may still be elusive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Monday could be a rough day for some people, but it ought to be rather neat for you. There's a nice big grand trine in water signs. When this happens, you get very lucky, and this time you're lucky in love. Tuesday and Wednesday will be a little bit more stressful, since more work is required. Don't goof off then. You'd get into trouble. Thursday through Saturday, a partner shows up to help, and to tell you what to do. A welcome relief. And on Sunday, you could make a decision together that would affect your future for years. Think it over carefully first.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).

If you're stuck with a problem at home Monday, maybe what you're missing is advice from a person whose job it is to save money, or bring it in. It's not the money you need so much right now. It's just a little bit of objective perspective. Search for revelations in romantic relationships Tuesday and Wednesday. A secret admirer could be revealed. If a

partner is putting demands on you Saturday or Sunday, make the commitment. That's what he or she really wants.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

If you don't get anything else done Monday except setting up your schedule for the following month, you'll be money ahead. Watch out for accidents and other surprises at home on Tuesday and Wednesday. Those are also good days to find lost objects. Romance pops to mind on Thursday, but may not happen until Friday. Saturday morning looks good for that too. A setback on Saturday turns out OK when something else becomes available, and a hassle on Sunday is solved with quick thinking.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Money is your focus on Monday, and you might as well get aggressive about it. Looks like you have plenty of work to do, but are you being paid what you're worth? If you're not, it's nobody's fault but your own. Tuesday and Wednesday are full of surprises. Take notes so you don't forget new information you hear. Thursday and Friday are good days to change stuff around your house, or to strip your kitchen floors. You'll be in the mood to do the work and get things right. This weekend is fabulous for romance with an intellectual type.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're looking good Monday. The moon's in your sign, and that always gives you a little extra charisma. Mars, your ruling planet, is in your sign, too, which really increases your power. Tuesday and Wednesday, the money pours in, and runs back out again almost as fast as it came. You can be lucky with a gamble then, but don't put it back down and lose it before you even get to spend any of it. Learn through practicing on Thursday and Friday, and stick close to home this weekend. The most interesting things will be going on there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Monday looks like a rather frustrating day for you. Something you're trying to accomplish is not getting through. Perhaps it's because you're not communicating effectively. Instead of trying to explain, ask leading questions. You'll be much stronger on Tuesday and Wednesday when the moon goes through your sign. Save new projects for then. Thursday and Friday, the Capricorn moon helps you be more practical, so those are good days for shopping. Saturday and Sunday are good for catching up on your reading.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Looks like what you and your committee want is just not available Monday. Apparently it'll take a little more planning, a little more research, and possibly a few more fund-raisers. The pressure is on Tuesday and

Wednesday, and things are popping fast. Expect major changes during that phase. On Thursday, it's coming together, and by Friday, you'll be much more powerful. Spend money to make more that day. A friend's suggestion doesn't pan out on Saturday, but you'll find another way to get what you want. On Sunday, again your first impulse doesn't work, but leads to an idea that does.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

On Monday, an older person is going to want to order you around. That's patently ridiculous, of course. You know everything, or at least you think you do, but this other person doesn't seem to care. He or she just wants the power. And once you understand that, the whole situation will be easier to deal with. Tuesday and Wednesday are best for committee meetings and team sports, and coffee breaks will run longer

than usual then. On Thursday and Friday, the pressure is back on, as everyone scrambles to get the work done, including you. Over the weekend, you'll shine. Plan something special for then.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

The moon is in Scorpio Monday, which calms you down, and also gives you a little bit of an overview of the situation. Noticing is the first step in solving problems. Start by making a list of them. Tuesday and Wednesday are going to be kind of tough. Looks like an older person has some plans that you may not agree with. Speak up, but nicely. Wednesday and Thursday, get together with friends and accomplish something you couldn't do alone. Saturday and Sunday, your mind will be buzzing. Don't believe what you hear without checking it out first.

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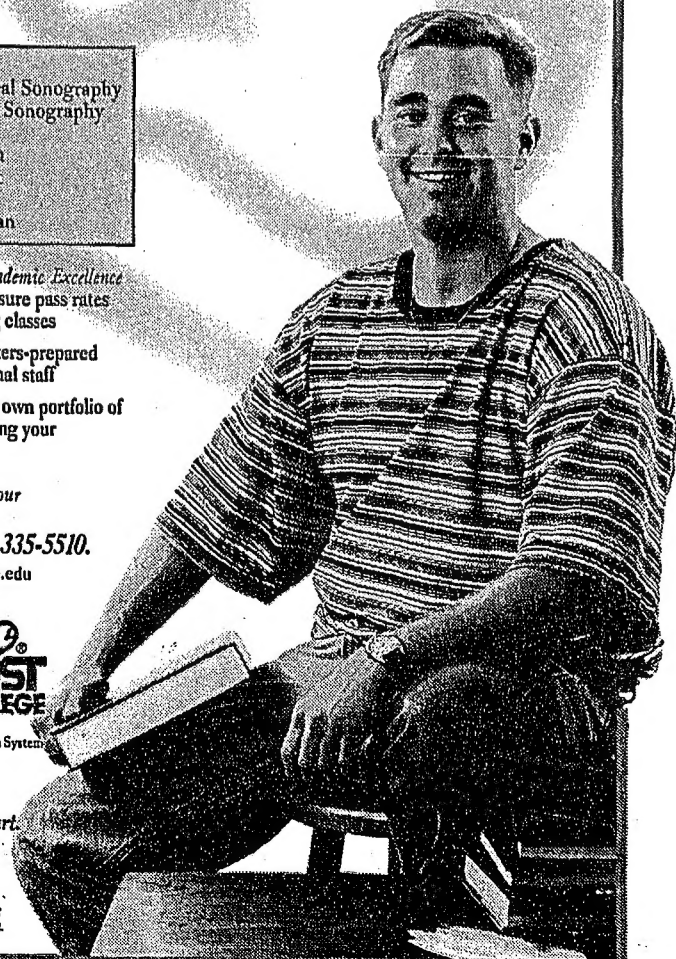
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Mavericks Drink to Cupp's Two Goals in 5-2 Win

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The UNO Mavericks won their second straight game Friday night as they posted a 5-2 exhibition win over the visiting University of Manitoba Bison in the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

"We didn't play to our capability tonight," Manitoba Head Coach Mike Sirant said, "We know we can perform better."

The Mavericks jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first half of the game.

First, Tom Kowal got the Maverick out in front at 7:29 of the first period when he zipped a shot past Manitoba goaltender Ryan Tempel. James Chalmers and Billy Pugliese picked up the assists.

The lead doubled with a power play goal at 10:14 off the stick of Jason Cupp.

The Mavericks were working the puck in the Manitoba zone and Shane Glover took a shot that drew Tempel out of the net a bit. Cupp circled in and tipped the puck just over the line as part of a pileup in front of the goal. Glover and Kowal assisted on the play. It was a power play goal as Manitoba's Craig Slasor was sitting in the box for hooking.

The first period scoring ended with Cupp's goal but Cupp didn't stop in the second.

Cupp scored his second of the night at 6:18 of the second when he banged home a loose puck from the top of the crease off a Pugliese pass.

"The loss to Niagara was a wake up call for us," Cupp said referring to an 8-2 stomping a week earlier.

Just under a minute later, Manitoba's Reagan Gruener was sent off at 7:11 for holding and it led to a power play the Mavericks would cash in on.

Derek Reynolds would be the goal scorer this time as he weaved his way out of the far corner, eluded a check, and popped the puck home from the side of the net at 8:47, putting the Mavericks ahead 4-0.

"We have got to keep playing the same way," Cupp said.

Manitoba's Doug Merrill broke the shutout bid by Maverick goaltender Kendall Sidoruk when he scored at 16:30 of the second from about 10 feet out.

In the third period, the Mavericks regained their four-goal lead when Allan Carr poked one home at 11:24 and the Mavericks went up 5-1.

Tempers began to flare and finally came to a moderate flash point when four players were sent off for roughing with 1:11 left in the game.

Clint Fontaine of Manitoba scored a goal from the side of the net with 38 seconds left in the game to make the final 5-2.

"Our challenge tomorrow is to come and prepare to redeem ourselves," Sirant said.

Sidoruk stopped 31 of 33 Manitoba shots in the win while Tempel made 30 saves on 35 shots.

The two teams close out the series tomorrow night at 7:35 p.m.



Chris Machian/The Gateway

The Maverick's Jason Mitchell blocks the shot that a Manitoba player attempted to get by him.

Mitchell Shuts Out Manitoba 2-0

Ryan Clifford
Staff Writer

Despite starting the first period being out-shot by Manitoba, the Mavericks were able to sweep the series and defeat them by a score of 2-0.

It was a bleak first period for the Mavericks getting only two shots compared to Manitoba's 10. It was looking like the Bison were going to knock in a couple of goals, but the Maverick goaltender Jason Mitchell did an outstanding job stopping everything thrown at him as he picked up his first collegiate shutout.

"We started off slow, but we stuck to the game plan and we never gave up," Maverick center Dave Noel-Bernier said.

Maverick Head Coach Mike Kemp commented on Mitchell's performance.

"Jason Mitchell responded well. He came up big for us," Kemp said.

In the second period, the Mavericks regrouped because their offense started to get and take more shots and get better looks at Manitoba's goal.

The Mavericks' first goal of the night came from Noel-Bernier. He was fed by Jeff Hoggan from the near corner and Noel-Bernier tipped it past Manitoba goaltender Ryan Tempel at 13:34 of the second.

After the first goal the Mavericks never looked back. The Mavericks were then able to keep Manitoba from putting together any kind of run that might change the course of the game.

The Mavericks dominated the goal by out-shooting the Bison 33-16 in the final two periods.

One of the things the Mavericks could not do was convert on the power play. They were 0 for 10 on the power play but that didn't have much of a factor in this game.

In the third period, it started to get a little physical. The Bison were taking some shots at the Mavericks and it started to wear down the teams' patience.

After Maverick forward Jeff Hoggan was drilled into the boards by Bison defenseman Craig Slasor, tempers started to flare. The Mavericks' Derek Reynolds and Slasor exchanged words and then started throwing punches at each other. The assistant referees pulled them apart and both players received a 10-minute misconduct and were not seen for the rest of the game.

That didn't seem to hurt the Mavericks much because a short time later Mavericks center Dave Noel-Bernier scored the final goal of the game on a breakaway. Noel-Bernier streaked down the far boards, cut towards the net and had the puck trickle between Tempel's pads for his second goal of the night.

"We finished harder. We have confidence and we are playing better," Noel-Bernier said about the three-game win streak the Mavericks are on.

Next week, the Mavericks will go on the road and try to get their first road win of the season when they travel to St. Cloud State.



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UNO's Derek Reynolds gets into a scuffle with Manitoba's Craig Slasor in the game at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The Mavericks won the game 2-0 despite being out-shot in the first period 2-10.



Chris Machian/The Gateway

UNO's Billy Pugliese unsuccessfully attempts to slip the puck past Manitoba's goalie Ryan Tempel in Saturday night's 2-0 win for the Mavs.

Mavs Win Seven Events at Wesleyan

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick track and field team ran three different ways this weekend and came back with some wins.

The wins came at the Nebraska Wesleyan Open in Lincoln, Neb. and there were seven them in all.

Rochelle Gordon won the triple jump with a leap of 37-feet-2-inches, nearly three feet ahead of the second-place finisher.

Reisha Vanterpool, running unattached, was first across the line in the 440-meter run in a time of 1:00.76.

LaShonte McReynolds was first in the 60-meter hurdles as she broke the tape in 8.46 seconds. Both McReynolds and Vanterpool won easily in their races.

The wins kept coming and Kelly Koziol had the honors in the 200-meter run. She edged out Charity Anderson of Concordia by .01 seconds for first place in a time of 38.40 seconds. Anderson clocked in at 38.41.

April Scheer was one of the Maverick event winners on the day as she took the top spot in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:29.12, a time over 1.5 seconds ahead of the next finisher. Suzanne Larsen cleared the high

jump when it was set at 5-foot, 5-inches and was part of the first-place tie.

Becky Goltz, who missed the cross country season with stress fractures in her legs, showed her form of old when she won an event by nearly six seconds.

The team also ran in the Frank Sevigne Invitational, also in Lincoln, and the distance medley relay (Shannon Williams, Kelly Koziol, Amy Parsons and Niki Dorcas) and 4x400-meter relay (Karisa Foight, Katie McDonnell, Missy Dammann and Sandy Derby) each finished in the top 10 overall. Tara Biltoft clocked in 13th in the mile.



Far Left: UNO's Tara Biltoft runs in the women's 1,000 meter at the Nebraska Open on Jan. 23. Left: UNO's Suzanne Larsen runs at the Nebraska Open. Above: Amy Parsons (left) and Shannon Williams (right) compete in the 800 meter run at the Nebraska Open. Photos by Steve Houlton/The Gateway



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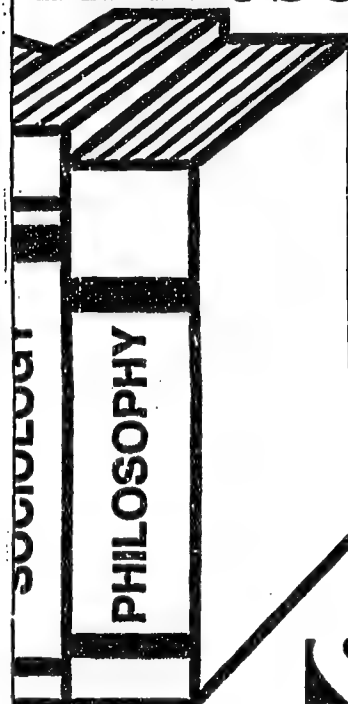
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Men Drop Deeper In NCC Race

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick men's basketball team had a chance to get back in the hunt for one of the top spots in the North Central Conference if they could win both games this weekend.

Two days and two losses later, the Mavericks are 4-9 in the North Central Conference and still in ninth place following home losses to Minnesota State-Mankato and St. Cloud State.

In Friday night's loss to St. Cloud State, a 70-56 final, the Mavericks were hampered by cold shooting in the first half and didn't recover.

The Mavericks hit just 10 of 29 first-half shots (34 percent) while St. Cloud State was shooting over 50 percent on 16 of 31 from the floor. That translated into an 11-point game at half-time which the Mavericks were on the short end of.

In the second half, the Mavericks shot better from the floor (40 percent) but it wasn't enough as the Huskies of St. Cloud State won the second half as well and the game.

The 22-point performance from Corey Griffin, who came off the bench after he missed practice this week due to a death in his family, was offset by Enoch Dix. Dix, a forward for St. Cloud, led all scorers with 24 points on the night.

The Mavericks were without Mike Simons against St. Cloud and that hurt them as well as the fact that no other Maverick

scored more than eight points on the night.

Simons also missed Saturday night's game against Minnesota State-Mankato but the result was still the same. The Mavericks dropped a 65-64 heart-breaker and fell farther behind the pack chasing conference-leading South Dakota.

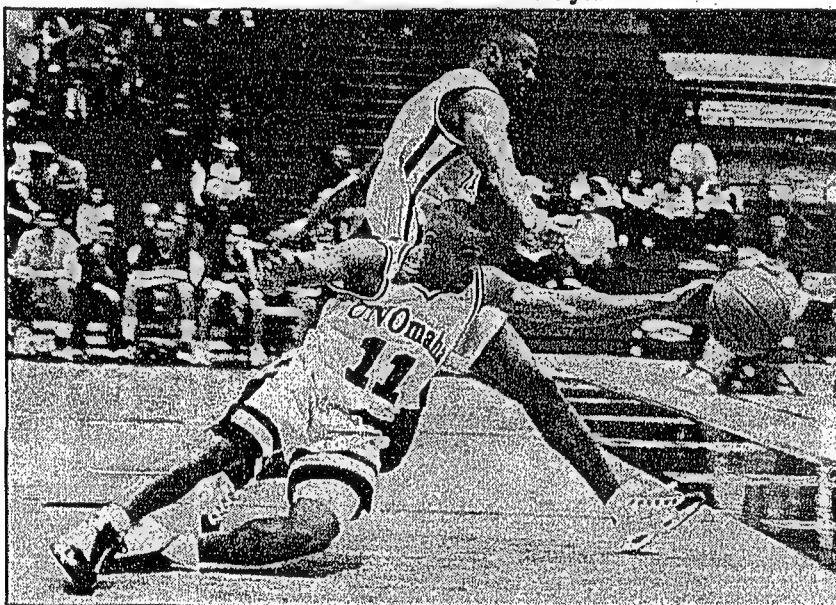
UNO fell behind by six points in the first half and was hurt by Minnesota State's three-point shooting that would hit on 10 of 26 shots from three-point range on the game. UNO held Blaine Joerger of Minnesota State to 20 points, five below his conference-leading average of 25 per game.

In the second half, UNO kept themselves close with free throw shooting and a better shooting percentage, the trend of the weekend.

Again, Griffin turned a strong individual effort as he scored 29 points on 12 of 22 shooting from the floor and also pulled down nine rebounds. Griffin got some help as Robert Wettstein scored 10 points in the losing effort. UNO held a decisive 46-29 edge on the glass but couldn't get the last points when they needed them the most.

UNO falls to 11-11 overall and 4-9 in the North Central Conference (NCC) while Minnesota State improves to 15-7 on the year and 8-5 in the NCC.

The UNO Mavericks have just five games left in their season and take their final road trip this weekend. They will head up to Augustana on Friday night and South Dakota State Saturday night as they try to finish with a winning record for the first time in five years.



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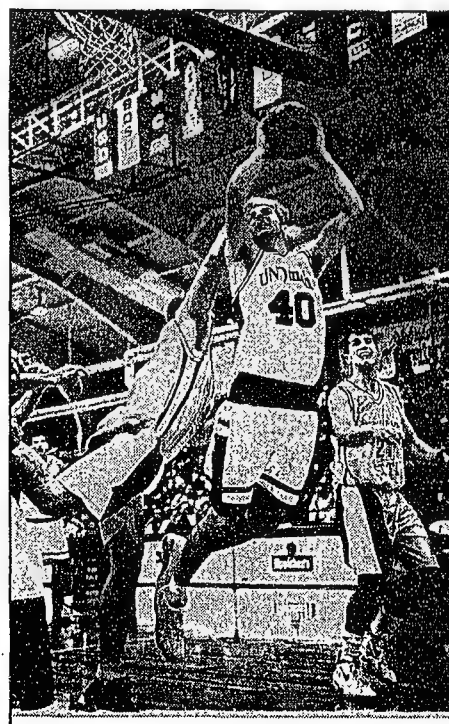
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UNO's Kevin Jones goes for a loose ball against Minnesota State player Donald Knox.

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UNO's Robert Wettstein goes up for the shot Saturday night against Minnesota State at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

WOMEN: Mavs Down Minnesota

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The game was a slow one on the whole as 57 fouls were called and five players fouled out. In total, 79 free throws were taken for the game and 51 of them went in.

The Mavericks were led by the back court duo of Jennifer Mitchell and Kim Birkel. Birkel led the Mavericks with 21 points, 11 of them coming from the foul line. Mitchell, who was ice-cold against Morningside last week, found her form again and scored 20 in the win highlighted by going 8 of 8 from the line.

The Mavericks' Sarah Larson had a great game of her own going as she scored 17 points and pulled down 16 rebounds before fouling out in the middle of the second half. Amy Soenen added 13 in the winning effort.

The trips to the free-throw line were fewer in Saturday night's game against Minnesota State but it took a little extra for UNO to pull out the 71-67 overtime win.

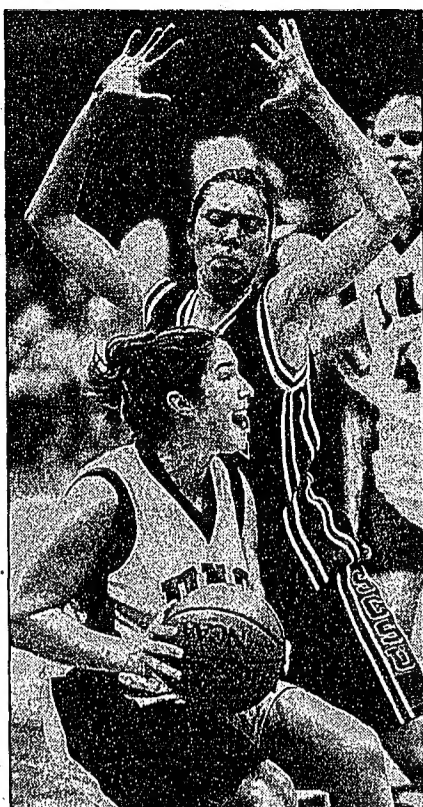
Neither team shot well in the first half but four of Minnesota State's 12 field goals were three-pointers which propelled them to a 31-25 half-time lead.

That lead was erased in the second half as UNO shot 57 percent from the floor (12 of 21) and held Minnesota State to nine field goals in the second half and sent the game to overtime tied at 60-60.

In the overtime, UNO won the game from the floor as they made three field goals to Minnesota State's one in the five-minute period. Each team hit five free throws in overtime.

Larson led UNO with 18 points. Kari Kerkhoff scored 17 in the win and Birkel scored 12 to be the third player in double digits. Minnesota State's Brenda Stachowski led all players with 20 points.

UNO stands at 11-11 overall and 6-7 in the North Central Conference (sixth place) following their wins while Minnesota State drops to 8-14 overall and 4-9 in the league.



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No. 50 Jennifer Mitchell fakes the pass in the Maverick's game against Minnesota State.

Up next for the Mavericks is the final road trip of the regular season as they head up to Augustana Friday night and South Dakota State Saturday.

Each of the five teams that remain on the Mavericks' schedule (Augustana, South Dakota State, Northern Colorado, North Dakota and North Dakota State) are all ahead of the Mavericks in the conference rankings.

The Mavericks are two games out of fifth place and three games out of the battle for third place.



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Head Coach Paula Buscher gives the team last minute strategy tips before its win over Mankato Saturday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

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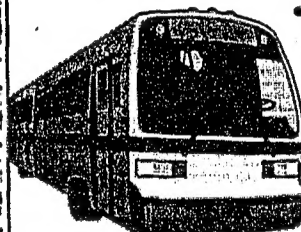
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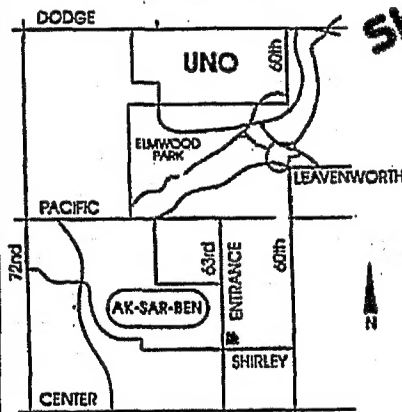
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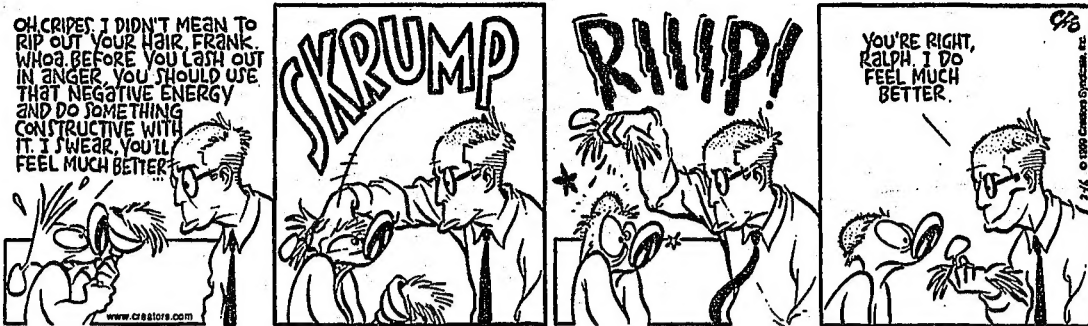
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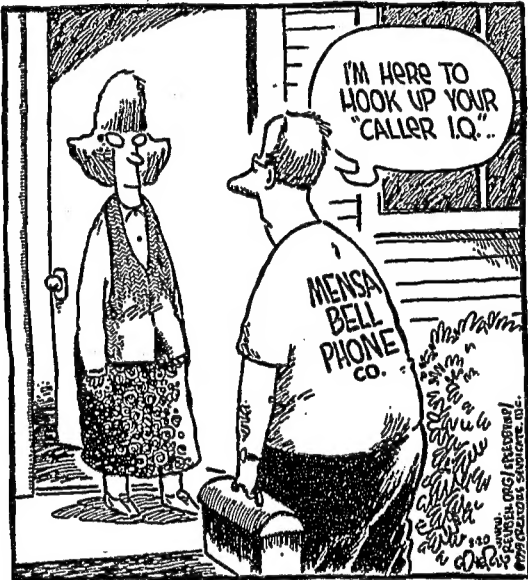
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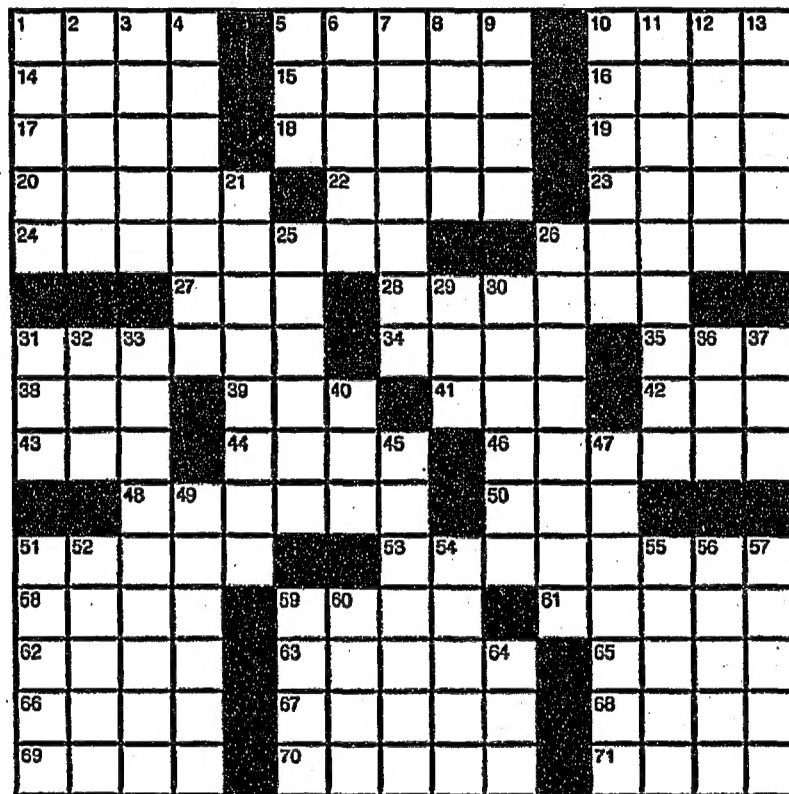


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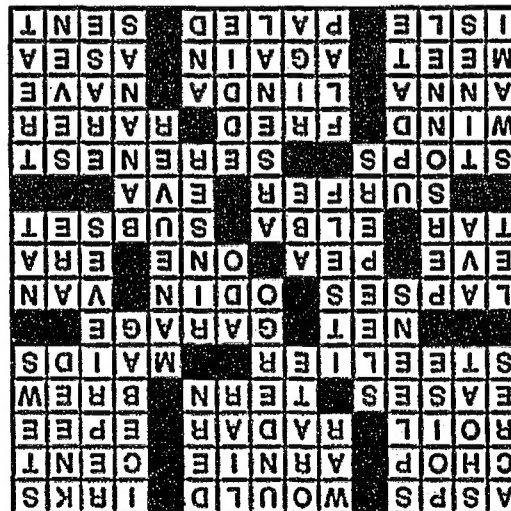
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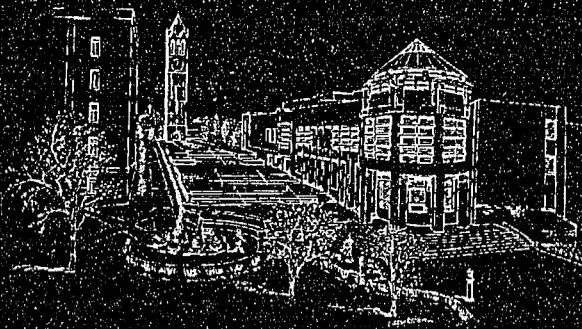
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